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# The First Amendment in Schools

Foreword by Robert M. O'Neil

In concise, lucid prose the authors not only explain why we need to teach about the First Amendment in schools but discuss how the amendment applies to schools.

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Director, American Bar Association  
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The First Amendment to the U.S. Constitution protects the most basic and cherished rights in a free society—freedom of religion, speech, press, assembly, and petition. *The First Amendment in Schools* is a comprehensive guide to how these freedoms can be modeled and applied in every school.

From religious clubs to use of the Internet, schools deal with First Amendment issues every day. What are the rights and responsibilities of students, educators, and parents in a school community? *The First Amendment in Schools* is a rich resource for answering that question. The book includes

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- ◆ Information on more than 60 educational and advocacy programs and organizations providing First Amendment resources.
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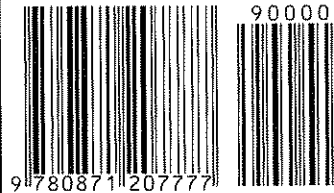
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